(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The salient features of bilateral agreements signed in respect of the five projects as mentioned in part (b) above are given below:

Three agreements relating to the supply of equipment, initial set of spares, installation and operating of the equipment with performance guarantee for a period of 150 working days had been signed between South Eastern Coalfields Limited and M/s Coal Mining Equipment Import & Export Corporation, China. The agreement pertaining to the refurbishment of Churcha West Powered Support Longwall equipment has not come into force hence no detail is furnished. An agreement was also entered into with Republic of France for procurement of hydraulic shovels.

Age disputes in BCCL

4284. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of age dispute pending at the headquarters of BCCL as on 31st March, 1998 indicating the facts in detail giving the names and the period for which they are pending;

(b) whether BCCL adheres to the "Implementation Instruction No, 76" in resolving Age Disputes by sending cases of "Glaring Differences" and discrepancies in the records to the Age Determination Committee; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases resolved in the last one year giving the names and the facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) There are 19 cases of age disputes pending in BCCL Headquarters as on 31.3.1998 ranging between 6 months to 18 months. Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 903 cases resolved in the last one year. The information called for with regard to names of cases resolved in last one year is voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

Statement

Pending cases of Age Disputes in BCCL Hqrs.

Sl. No.	Pers. No.	Name
1.	00600775	Kheman Mondal
2.	02438745	Ram Brich Ahir
3.	00208611	Ram Dular Kumhar
4.	02151264	Lakhan Bhuia
5.	00239822	Inua Mia
6.	02168490	Mahabir Singh
7.	02446664	Patia Bouri
8.	02240992	Madhusudan Bhuia
9.	02307395	Triveni Dusadh
10.	02233088	Pudina Kamin
11.	02463271	Sheo Nath Dusadh
12.	01250810	Pankaj Kr. Verma
13.	01201433	Rameshwar Ramani
14.	01209550	Ramachar Singh
15.	01010735	Muneeshwar Mistry
16.	02771046	Ram Bhajan Dusadh
17.	02099075	Dand Pani Nayak
18.	00104750	Trinath Sethi 3
19.	02087997	Arjun Roy

Coal Reserve in the Country

4285. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserve of coal in the country;

(b) whether the demand of coal continues to out strip the supply and availability gap widens and if so, the details thereof including imports required; and

(c) the proposed policy overhaul to attract investment and expertise in coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) As per assessment of Geological Survey of India (GSI), the coal reserves in the country as on 01.01.1998 upto a depth of 1200 metres are over 206 billion tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir. The demand and supply of coal as assessed for the terminal year of the Ninth Five Year Plan i.e. 2001-02 is given below:—

(In million tonnes)

	Demand	Supply	Gap
Terminal year IXth Plan 2001-2002.	412.20	370.60	41.60

(c) By an amendment in the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, mining by private parties has now been allowed for captive use in the steel, power and cement sector.

कोयले की आपूर्ति

4286. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994, 1995, 1996 तथा दिसंबर, 1997 तक उड़ीसा और मध्य प्रदेश की कितनी कोयला खानों से गुजरात के विभिन्न बिजली घरों, इस्पात संयंत्रों और उद्योगों को आबंटित और आपूरित कोयले की मात्रा का संयंत्र-वार और उद्योगों-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या उक्त अवधि में कोयले की मांग और पूर्ति में कोई अन्तर था;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो शेष कोयले की आपूर्ति कब तक कर दी जाएगी तथा उसकी मात्रा कितनी है;

(घ) इस कोयले की आपूर्ति से उड़ीसा और मध्य पदेश द्वारा धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) क्या इनमें से कुछ खानों को अभी तक भुगतान नहीं किया गया है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीप राय): (क) से (ङ) इस संबंध में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Affected areas by Underground fire in BCCL

4287. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) total areas of BCCL affected by underground fire, quantity of coal already burnt and affected and the progress in fire fighting project;

(b) the quantity of coal locked under Jharia town and that affected by fire causing subsidence;

(c) the steps contemplated to contain fire and save Jharia town; and

(d) whether Government are planning to shift the town; if so, the facts in details giving plan for rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The total surface area affected due to fires in Jharia coalfield is reduced to around 9 sq. km. As per CMPDIL estimate of 1986, the quantity of coal already burnt due to fires since 1916 is estimated at 37 million tonnes.

Ten fires have been completely extinguished. Four projects for fire fighting at an approved cost of Rs. 14.27 crores are presently under implementation at Alkusa, Industry, Rajapur and Lodna collieries.

(b) Approximately 160 million tonnes of coal is locked under Jharia town. No fire exists below Jharia town.

(c) One fire control project is under implementation for dealing with the fire at Rajapur, at the periphery of Jharia town. More fire control projects shall be formulated for dealing with a few other fires around the town in the future.

(d) At present there is no proposal to shift Jharia town.

Fake appointments in BCCL

4288. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad in his Memo No. 387/ DC dated April 7, 1992 brought to the notice of CMD, BCCL about 102 fake appointments in BCCL keeping the genuine persons out;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Bihar Colliery Kamgar Union, Dhanbad alleged before Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad that the management of BCCL gave appointments to 102 bogus persons in lieu of retrenched workers. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad had an enquiry conducted through an Executive Magistrate which revealed that in place of 102 retrenched employees who were later ordered by the Industrial Dispute Tribunal, Dhanbad-I to be